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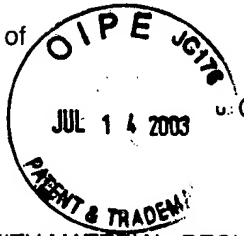
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are present in this application.

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that all of the rejections from the previous Office Action have been withdrawn. In this context, however, Applicant respectfully traverses the finality of the outstanding Office Action.

In the Amendment filed January 29, 2003, only independent claims 1 and 17 were amended. The application also contains independent claims 14, 21 and 22. The Office